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A. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0072670 published by the U.S. Patent Office on June 13, 2002;

B. European Patent Publication No. EP 1 008 864 published by the European Patent Office on June 14, 2000;

C. European Patent Publication No. EP 0 830 842 published by the European Patent Office on March 25, 1998; and

D. U.S. Patent No. 6,436,049 issued to Kamiyama et al. on August 20, 2002.

The above-listed prior arts are cited in the Search Report which was prepared and mailed out on January 14, 2004 by the European Patent Office for European Patent Application No. EP 03 02 3959 which is a counterpart application to the above-identified U.S. application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

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